GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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POPULARISING INDIAN SYSTEMS OF MEDICINE
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and Russia have decided to undertake research for popularising Indian Systems of Medicine jointly;

(b) if so, whether any MoU for setting up an ayurvedic research centre in Moscow has been reached;

(c) whether it has also been decided to have a joint work document to be formulated and projects would be worked out in six months;

(d) if so, the main features of the agreement; and

(e) the steps being taken in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a)to(c): Yes, Sir. MOU for establishment of Russian Indian Centre for Ayurvedic research, Moscow has been entered into in March, 2002 at government level as reported by the Ministry of Science and Technology.

(d): Russian Indian Centre for Ayurvedic Research would basically provide necessary research and development base for undertaking studies including those on pharmco-kokinetics of Ayurvedic drugs including toxicities studies and development of improved process for the formulation of standardized Ayurvedic drugs.

(e): The implementation of joint activities of the centre would be steered by its Joint Council comprising of members to be nominated by the two Governments. Both sides have nominated co-chairman of the Joint Council from their respective side.